

# News

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## **Construction wins £14 million Birmingham school expansion**

Morgan Sindall Construction has been selected to deliver a £14 million expansion to Rockwood Academy in Birmingham, which will support almost 450 additional school places.

Birmingham City Council appointed the company through the Constructing West Midlands framework (CWM). The work will be funded through the Birmingham City Council Capital Education programme and will see Morgan Sindall Construction work alongside Acivico to deliver this project.

Morgan Sindall Construction is one of the delivery partners that Birmingham Council and Acivico engage with to deliver educational capital projects for the City of Birmingham.

The additional teaching space will enable the school, based on Naseby Road, to expand its intake from four to seven form entry; or from 648 pupils to 1,050.

Work will see an existing administration building demolished, to make way for a two-storey 2,200 square foot extension. There will also be a significant amount of refurbishment to the existing school facility, with several areas reconfigured.

The expansion will accommodate ten additional classrooms, a new library, additional science labs, a drama studio, extensive external landscaping and a new multi-use games facility.

Key criteria in the tender documents require the successful main contractor to deliver initiatives focused on generating social value alongside construction work, in line with the Birmingham Business Charter for Social Responsibility.

Morgan Sindall Construction has developed a project social action plan and will be working closely with Birmingham City Council and Acivico to support the local economy with the use of local subcontractors and suppliers; while also working closely with local community groups and charitable organisations to create jobs and work experience opportunities for local people. Work will start on site this month and is expected to complete at the end of summer 2020.

Dave Kelly, CWM Framework Manager, at Morgan Sindall Construction, said: "We've held a place on the CWM Framework for the past seven years, delivering the schools and municipal buildings which communities in the West Midlands depend on.

"We're incredibly pleased to have been selected for this latest project. It is the first to be procured under the auspices of the council's new Capital Education programme and will support almost 450 vital new school places.

"The continued focus on social value in the tender selection process is something we welcome wholeheartedly, and we look forward to engaging with pupils and the local community, as we do through all of our education projects."

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